

TABLE A-3. Disability status of U.S. civilian noninstitutionalized population, by disability type and age: 2000

Disability type and age (years)	Number	Percent
5 and older	257,167,527	100.0
Any disability <sup>1</sup>	49,746,248	19.3
5-15	45,133,667	100.0
Any disability <sup>1</sup>	2,614,919	5.8
Long-lasting conditions		
Physical	455,461	1.0
Sensory	442,894	1.0
Difficulty in activity		
Learning, remembering, concentrating	2,078,502	4.6
Self-care	419,018	0.9
16-64	178,687,234	100.0
Any disability <sup>1</sup>	33,153,211	18.6
Long-lasting conditions		
Physical	11,150,365	6.2
Sensory	4,123,902	2.3
Difficulty in activity		
Learning, remembering, concentrating	6,764,439	3.8
Self-care	3,149,875	1.8
Difficulty going outside home	11,414,508	6.4
Employment	21,287,570	11.9
65 and older	33,346,626	100.0
Any disability <sup>1</sup>	13,978,118	41.9
Long-lasting conditions		
Physical	9,545,680	28.6
Sensory	4,738,479	14.2
Difficulty in activity		
Learning, remembering, concentrating	3,592,912	10.8
Self-care	3,183,840	9.5
Difficulty going outside home	6,795,517	20.4

<sup>1</sup>Individuals were classified by Census as having a disability if any of the following three conditions were true: (1) they were ages 5 or older and responded yes to sensory, physical, mental or self-care disability; (2) they were ages 16 or older and responded yes to going outside the home disability; or (3) they were ages 16-64 and responded yes to employment disability.

NOTES: Data on disability status were derived from answers to two items in the census long-form questionnaire. One asked about the existence of the following long-lasting conditions: blindness, deafness, or a severe vision or hearing impairment (sensory disability), and a condition that substantially limits one or more basic physical activities such as walking, climbing stairs, reaching, lifting, or carrying (physical disability). The second question asked if the individual had a physical, mental, or emotional condition lasting 6 months or more that made it difficult to perform certain activities: (a) learning, remembering, or concentrating (mental disability); (b) dressing, bathing, or getting around inside the home (self-care disability); (c) going outside the home alone to shop or visit a doctor's office (going outside the home disability); and (d) working at a job or business (employment disability).

SOURCE: U.S. Bureau of the Census, *Disability Status: 2000: Census 2000 Brief* (Washington, DC, 2003).